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Youth Council's Restorative Justice Initiative Advisory Board invites community to meeting

The Restorative Justice Initiative Advisory Board, created by the Milwaukee Youth Council invites the Milwaukee community to its upcoming **meeting on Friday, March 9**, beginning at **1:30 p.m.** in room **301-B at City Hall**, 200 E. Wells St. The board will discuss the creation of a **Youth Court** for the City of Milwaukee.

If a Youth Court were to be established by the Restorative Justice Initiative Advisory Board, the court would hold youth accountable for municipal violations while reducing the number of warrants and unpaid citations that ultimately result in the suspension of teens' driver's licenses. The suspension of these licenses becomes a momentous obstacle when Milwaukee's youth are searching for jobs or establishing a bank account. The creation of the Youth Court would aim to reduce youth recidivism, encourage positive behavior, and empower Milwaukee's youth while also developing relationships and awareness about restorative justice and juvenile justice in the greater Milwaukee community.

The Restorative Justice Initiative Advisory Board encourages community members to voice their concerns and ideas about the Youth Court during the board's inaugural meeting. "We want to design a Youth Court that benefits the young people in our community in the best way possible. That's why it is imperative that we hear thoughts from the public about this initiative," said **Kalan R. Haywood, II**, Chair of the Milwaukee Youth Council's Restorative Justice Advisory Board.

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